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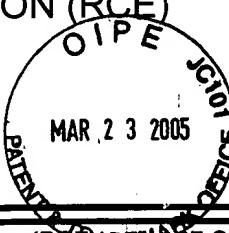
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<i>Filing Date</i>	01/10/00
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	YANG, S. et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	1773
<i>Examiner Name</i>	N. J. Uhrlir
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	IR 3556 NP

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. Other _____

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- b. Enclosed

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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Remarks _____

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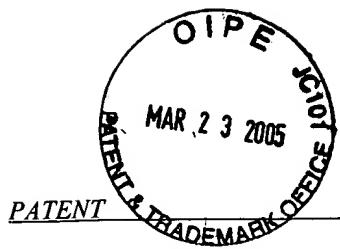
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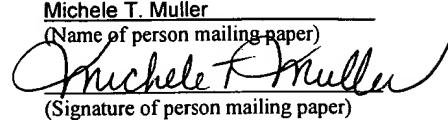


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Serial No.: 09/480,193

Examiner: RICKMAN, Holly C.

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For : "Polymeric Articles Having a Textured Surface and Frosted Appearance"

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) - AFTER ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE dated February 10, 2005. Applicant received a Notice of Opposition in the corresponding EPC case, which included references not yet of record in the present case. In light of Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R 1.56, a new IDS is being filed which includes all references cited in the two EPC Oppositions, that were not yet of record in the case. In addition, for the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant is attaching a copy of the European Opposition document that was filed in English, and an English translation of the Opposition document filed in German.